

305 Ninth Street, NW (Commercial Building)  
(Louis Cocktail Lounge)  
Square 408, Lot 815  
Washington  
District Of Columbia

HABS No. DC-455

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE District of Columbia	COUNTY	TOWN OR VICINITY Washington
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) 305 Ninth St., NW (Commercial Building)		HABS NO. DC-455
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Louis Cocktail Lounge		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Square 408, Lot 815		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) c. 1887	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Unknown	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Originally built as a commercial building. At different times it has served as a dwelling, an office, a produce market and a bank. The building is now dwarfed by the monumentality of its modern neighbors to the north and west.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Late nineteenth century commercial Italianate		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Masonry bearing walls with wood framed interiors; some steel reinforcement		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Rectangular -- approx. 100' x 24'; four stories including basement		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Modern storefront; second, third floors, tall segmentally arched double-hung windows; elaborate Italianate fascia and cornice		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) The three floors have large open spaces with modern finishes		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Front facade and interior - fair condition; rear facade - deteriorated First floor - restaurant and bar; second floor - discotheque; third floor - ballroom		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE This building is scheduled for redevelopment as part of the Pennsylvania Avenue Development Corporation's Historic Preservation Plan, 1977.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) National Register		
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